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- 1. EMBASSY BELIEVES TRINIDAD SHOULD BE INCLUDED ON AMB YEUTTER'S ITINERARY FOR MEETINGS WITH TRINIDADIANS AND OTHER MEMBERS OF CARICOM. GROWING IMPORTANCE OF TRINIDAD AS TRADING NATION AND GOOD HORSE SENSE OF MOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS HEREMAKES THIS A USEFUL SITE IN THE CARIBBEAN AT THIS STAGE.
- 2. EMBASSY HAS INFORMALLY SOUNDED OUT SENIOR MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE OFFICIAL, WHO REACTED FAVORABLY. IF AMB YEUTTER AGREES STOP DESIRABLE, WE WILL APPROACH GOTT MORE FORMALLY TO DISCUSS POSSIBLE ARRANGEMENTS.
- 3. TIMING OF VISIT MAY RUN INTO ELECTION PERIOD (DATES OF WHICH STILL UP IN AIR). WHILE WE DO NOT BELIEVE THIS POSES SERIOUS DIFFICULTY FOR MEETING OF THIS KIND, IT MAY LIMIT AVAILABILITY OF CABINET LEVEL OFFICIALS. FOR THIS REASON, WE RECOMMEND TRINIDAD STOP BE MADE AT BEGINNING RATHER THAN END OF TRIP. FAY

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